the other House does also is not my concern. But what happens within this House is my concern. So, please, now.

श्री मोहम्मद अफ़जल उर्फ मीम अफ़जल : यह राज्य सभा की गरिमा का सवाल है। एक मैंबर हमारी राज्य सभा के एक पोलिटिकल पार्टी के बारे में... **(व्यवधान)**

†شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل: یہ راجیہ سبھا کی گریما کا سوال ہے۔ ایک ممبر ہماری راجیہ سبھا کے ایک پولیٹیکل پارٹی کے بارے میں... "مداخلت"....

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I am not... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please. Now that matter is closed.

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: I have a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I am not allowing a point of order because, as I said, the privilege issue is before me; I will go into the details and let the House know what we have decided.

श्री मोहम्मद अफ़जल उर्फ मीम अफ़जल : मैडम, यह प्रिविलेज का सवाल है कि हमारे हाउस के मेंबर बाहर अखबारों को यह कह रहे हैं कि एक पोलिटिकल पार्टी को तोड़ना उनका नेशनल फरीज़ा है। उसके लिए पैसा बांट रहे हैं। **(व्यवधान)**

†شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل: میڈم یہ پریویلج کا سوال ہے کہ ہمارے ہاؤس کے ممبران باہر اخباروں کو یہ کہہ رہے ہیں کہ ایک پولیٹیکل پارٹی کو توڑنا ان کا نیشنل فریضہ ہے۔ اس کے لیے پیسہ بانٹ رہے ہیں... "مداخلت"...

† [ ] **Transliteration** in Arabic **Script.**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Afzal, please take your seat. Mr. Sukomal Sen, *aap boliye.*

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I won't permit that. Mr. Subramanian Swamy, please. I won't permit such kind of comments. I am not permitting anything... (*Interruptions*)... Please sit down. It is not going on record. That matter is closed. Mr. Sukomal Sen, *boliye*... (*Interruptions*)... There are more serious issues. People have died in Punjab and Mr. Sukomal Sen wants to raise that issue. I think it is more serious then anything else in the country today... (*Interruptions*) Calling-Attention is there, but he has asked for permission to raise this. It is a serious matter. So many people have died in Punjab. Don't you want it to be raised in the House.

RE. KILLINGS OF RELATIVES OF POLICE PERSONNEL BY TERRORISTS IN PUNJAB

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, through you I would like to draw the attention of the House and of the Government to the fact that certain policemen and relatives of police personnel have been killed yesterday by terrorists. Madam, this killing was not unanticipated because during the last three days, some top-level terrorists have been nabbed and killed by the police in Punjab. Previously also, when some top-level terrorists were killed, the terrorist took retaliatory action in a big way. It is reported that in 1991 also, 134 relatives of the police personnel were killed by the terrorists... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order, order, please. It is very sad that when a matter of killing of people is taken up, nobody is interested. It is very sad. Be serious about it.

*Not recorded.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): The Home Minister is not taking any interest in it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is very sad... (*Interruptions*)... Jacob Saheb, please listen to him.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: In 1990 also, a number of relatives of the police personnel were killed.

Madam, yesterday's killing was a very sad affair because they were taken out of their homes, grouped together and killed with modern weapons. Madam, the Government should clarify, when this kind of a retaliation was not unanticipated when some top-level terrorists were killed, what protection the Government had provided for the protection of the policemen and their relatives. I feel that nothing was done and, as a result, the terrorists had taken advantage of the unprotected condition of the kith and kin of the policemen, led them out of their houses and killed them.

Madam, this killing will not only demoralize the public but it will also demoralize, in a big way, the police and the paramilitary forces operating in Punjab and elsewhere. That is why I would like to seek a clarification from the hon. Home Minister as to what they have in Punjab to protect the policemen and their kith and kin. Not only this, Madam. Now, by way of retaliation the terrorists may come down in other places also. Delhi, the seat of Administration, is quite vulnerable. Not only in Delhi, but in other places also they may strike. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what arrangements they are making for protecting the lives of the innocent relatives, particularly of those who are in charge of the Administration, the police and those who are conducting the operations against the terrorists. I feel that the Home Minister should come out with a statement with regard to this.

उपसभापति : होम मिनिस्टर साहब, कुछ बोलेंगे इस पर ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam, I have asked for information from the Punjab Government, and by this evening, if possible, we will try to make a statement here. If by any chance the information does not become available by then, because after getting the information again it will have to be translated into Hindi and other things, and so if it doesn't become possible, then tomorrow definitely we will make a statement on this.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभापति जी, ...

उपसभापति : *यह मामला खत्म हो गया।* We have got Barcelona to discuss.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : महोदया, पिछले सप्ताह मैंने आपका ध्यान आकर्षित किया था कि हिन्दुस्तान के पहले रक्षा मंत्री चीन गए थे और वह चीन के प्रधान मंत्री और वहां के रक्षा मंत्री से मिले । जैकब साहब ने आश्वासन दिया था कि वह इस बारे में वक्तव्य देंगे । तो मैं आपसे कहना चाहता हूं कि चीन के प्रधान मंत्री और वहां के रक्षा मंत्री से हमारे रक्षा मंत्री की क्या बातचीत हुई, इसके बारे में सदन को बताना चाहिए ।

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): You give me one minute, Madam.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Mr. Jacob, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Jacob... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Why do you want to call Mr. Jacob? He is here, Mr. Jacob is here.....

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Mr. Jacob has given an assurance that the hon. Defence Minister would come to this House and make a statement on his visit to China.

Mr. Jacob, have you drawn the attention of the Defence Minister to that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): So far I have not been able to get his time. As soon as he is ready, I will persuade him to do that.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, I want to raise a very important matter.

उपसभापतिः : वह बता रहे हैं, समय होना चाहिए। समय निकालकर हाउस का समय देख लेंगे और उसके बाद वक्तव्य हो जाएगा। जैकब साहब इतनी जोर से पुकार रहे थे, वह सामने बैठे थे।... (**व्यवधान**)

Jacob Saheb can hear, I think. He has no hearing problem.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Whatever the request of the Member is, it can be conveyed to the appropriate Minister.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I might be having an ear, nose and throat problem, but not he, I am sure.

RE. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN BY LIC IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYMENT ETC.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, the Finance Minister is here. I want to bring to his notice a very important issue relating to women. I appeal to the Finance Minister to take it up. This relates to the Life Insurance Corporation.

Previously I have had occasion to raise before the House the extreme discrimination practised by the LIC against women of this country.

Madam, the LIC had asked very embarrassing questions, physical questions about women. I raised that in this House. I have not received any reply. I don't think that the LIC has taken any action.

Today, Madam, a very disturbing item has appeared in a newspaper. They called candidates for interview for the post of Peon in the LIC in Delhi. The written test was held on the 14th of June. One lady whose name is "Anita" from Kelpur village in Aligarh District, appeared in the written test. She passed it, and she qualified to be selected for an interview. She was called to Delhi for an interview. She came to Delhi. Over here, the moment they saw her, they refused to give her a job. They said that they would not employ women as Peons in the LIC. Madam, this is against the Constitution of India. That an agency of the Government should behave like this, is shameful. (*Interruptions*)

I have read other reports, Madam, that the LIC discriminates against women policy-holders also. I call upon my colleagues to support me in this. I demand that action be taken against the officers of the LIC in Delhi... (*Interruptions*)

SOME HON. MEMBERS: We support wholeheartedly.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, I extend my support to her. This is unfortunate. The LIC has been doing like this for a long time. Our complaint to the LIC Chairman has fallen flat, and the Finance Ministry has not taken any action so far as the discrimination against women in the Life Insurance Corporation is concerned. The whole House joins with her. I wish the Minister would make a promise that he would look into it and see that the discrimination was ended... (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Madam I respect the sentiments of the House. There is no question that we should tolerate any discrimination against women. I shall ascertain the facts and report back to the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we are going to take up the Calling Attention.